

The Hawaii Title V agency continues to work on updating its Medicaid Interagency Agreement (IAA). A draft was completed utilizing guidelines developed by the National Academy for State Health Policy, *Strengthening the Title V-Medicaid Partnership: Strategies to Support the Development of Robust Interagency Agreements Between Title V and Medicaid* as well as reviewing other state IAAs.

The Hawaii draft IAA follows. It is proceeding through interagency review and approval. The draft has been reviewed by the Title V agency Attorney General and has been transmitted to the State Medicaid agency for their internal review. The plan is to have the IAA executed in next year's Title V report.

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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN HAWAII STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Hawaii State Department of Health (DOH) Family Health Services Division (FHSD) and Department of Human Services (DHS) Med-QUEST Division (MQD) establishes the collaborative relationship to improve the overall health of Hawaii women, infants, children and youth including those with special health care needs, and their families. This MOU covers the period from July \_\_, 2019 through June 30, 2025.

**BACKGROUND**

Both DOH FHSD and DHS MQD have key roles in improving the overall health of Hawaii women, infants, children and youth including those with special health care needs, and their families.

DOH Family Health Services Division

FHSD is in the Health Resources Administration within the DOH. FHSD has three branches – Maternal and Child Health, Children with Special Health Needs, and Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Services Branches.

The DOH Strategic Plan’s overall theme is “Make Health Hawaii’s Shared Value,” for which there are three major goals: Invest in Healthy Babies and Families; Take Health into Where People Live, Work, Learn, and Play; and Create a Culture of Health throughout Hawaii. FHSD utilizes the federal Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to address the DOH strategic goal of investing in healthy babies, mothers, and families, and fulfill its commitment to improve the health of women, infants, and children including those with special health care needs. In addition, FHSD works to address social determinants of health and improve health equity, utilizing multi-generational approaches.

Title V is part of the Social Security Act. Section 509(a)(2) of Title V cites the need to promote “coordination at the Federal level of activities authorized under this title [Title V] and under title XIX....”

DHS Med-QUEST Division

Med-QUEST (Quality, Universal Access, Efficiency, Sustainability, Transformation) Division is a DHS division that administers the Title XIX Medicaid program in Hawaii. Medicaid provides medical assistance benefits to qualified uninsured and underinsured Hawaii residents. Medicaid beneficiaries include pregnant women, children, parents and caretakers, adults, and individuals who are aged, blind, and/or disabled.

MQD’s vision is that the people of Hawaii embrace health and wellness. MQD’s mission is to empower Hawaii’s residents to improve and sustain wellbeing by developing, promoting and administering innovative and high-quality healthcare programs with aloha.

MQD is building the Hawaii ‘Ohana Nui Project Expansion (HOPE) program, a five-year initiative to develop and implement a roadmap to achieve the vision of healthy families and healthy communities. HOPE activities are focused on four strategic areas: invest in primary care, prevention, and health promotion; improve outcomes for high-need, high-cost individuals; payment reform and alignment; and support community driven initiatives to improve population health.

Title XIX is part of the Social Security Act. Section 1902(a)(11) of Title XIX requires State Medicaid agencies to enter into Inter-Agency Agreements (IAAs) with state Title V agencies.

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

DOH FHSD and DHS MQD share the following guiding principles:

- Health Equity – assuring equal opportunity for all people in the State to attain their full health potential (definition from HRS §321-1).
- Social Determinants of Health – complex, integrated, and overlapping social structures and economic systems that contribute to health inequities. These social structures and economic systems include the social environment, physical environment, health services, and structural and societal factors (definition from HRS §321-1).
- Life Course – a framework that considers broad social, economic and environmental factors that impact an individual’s health over time.
- Multi-Generational Approach – an approach to improving outcomes by focusing on the needs of the whole family, including children, their parents, and their extended family.

## **SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES**

DOH FHSD and DHS MQD shall:

1. Collaborate and coordinate planning to ensure and support a comprehensive health services delivery system for women, infants, children including those with special health care needs, and families.
2. Work together to promote perinatal care, for pregnant women, their fetuses, and their newborn infants, according to the standards set by the American College of Obstetricians and the American Academy of Pediatrics.
3. Work together to promote Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) services for all eligible children enrolled in Medicaid and ensure infants, children, and youth up to age 21 years receive a comprehensive examination including screenings according to the Bright Futures Periodicity Schedule.
4. Work together on issues or services impacting the health of children and youth including those with special health care needs.
5. Collaborate and coordinate program initiatives, as appropriate.
6. Participate in advisory or planning meetings convened by FHSD or MQD, as appropriate.
7. Share non-identifiable aggregated data for mandatory data reporting on health-related

indicators required by Title V or Medicaid.

8. Review this MOU on an annual basis to determine if any changes are needed.
9. Work together toward resolving any interagency disputes on matters related to this MOU. If agreement is not reached, respective agency liaisons at the state level shall be brought into the process to resolve issues and achieve agreement.

#### **PAYMENT**

No payment shall be made to either party by the other party as a result of this MOU.

#### **TERM OF AGREEMENT**

Prior to the end of this MOU, DOH FHSD and DHS MQD shall have the option to renew the MOU for another defined term.

Either party for any reason may terminate this MOU upon ninety (90) calendar day's written notice to the other party. Amendments, as mutually agreed upon, may be made, as appropriate, in writing.

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